SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM : Sir, Hon'ble Member is absolutely correct. We understand this thing that not only Pakistan but other countries are also taking interest in this country. We also want to check it effectively. We want to activise DD-3, so that atleast HPT is installed which should carry out an international propaganda as well as check their anti-propaganda.

As I have stated earlier, that if we increase the range by installing HPT, it needs 10 crore Rupees. You would be glad to know that Doordarshan has earned 80 Crore Rupees more in comparision to what it earned last year and this money has been earned within last six months only...*(Interruptions)* We would try to install HPT in border areas, J and K, Gujarat and Punjab, and those places where signals of Pakistan's are received...*(Interruptions)*

PROF RASA SINGH RAWAT : Also install on the border of Rajasthan...*(interruptions)*

[English]

MR. SPEAKER : I know that this very important.

[Translation]

SHRI GANGA CHARAN RAJPUT : Speaker Sir, Revolutionary changes have taken place in the field of media but all the serials which are an air reflect the picture of high class. Society only whether it is Junoon or Swabhiman, none of the serials reflects pain of the poor people. Remaining other serials encourage pump and show, superstitions, sorcery etc. In this connection I have given notice for a question but that did not come up in the list for written reply and Minister did not reply satisfactory I through you want to know from the Minister whether such serials would be encouraged which reflect the pain of poor people and whether superistions and pump and show shown in the serials would be discontinued. *(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER : Why are you repeating.

[English]

Why are you repeating the something? You are making a suggestion and you are not asking a question.

[Translation]

AN HONOURABLE MEMBER : You have but a good question.

MR. SPEAKER : No question has been asked.

[English]

MR. SPEAKER : The suggestion has been noted down by the Minister.

(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER : Do you have an answer for that?

[Translation]

SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM : Your information is very useful, I will keeep it in mind.

[English]

SHRI AMAR ROY PRADHAN : Mr. Speaker, Sir, the hon. Minister is speaking about the clubbing of DD 3 and the Movie Channel. We are from an area where we cannot see even the DD I channel. You would be astonished to know that in the Northern parts of West Bengal, particularly in Darjeeling, Jalpaiguri and Coochbehar, the Bangladeshi TV programmes are visible, the Nepali TV programmes are visible and after a few days even the Chinese TV programmes would be visible, but not the Indian TV programmes! I do not know when the TV Centre at Siliguri, where construction has been completed, is going to be opened so that the people in North Bengal will have these facilities and can watch either DD 1 or DD 2 or DD 3 or any clubbing of it.

MR. SPEAKER : Do you have any information about Siliguri TV Centre?

SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM : There is a real problem as far as the North-Eastern States are concerned.

SHRI AMAR ROY PRADHAN : I am referring to North Bengal.

SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM : As far as that particular area, which the hon. Member has mentioned, is concerned, I do not have any information. I will furnish the information to the hon. Member

MR. SPEAKER : Let us go to Question No. 307 of Shri Ram Nagina Mishra. It is time to go by train.

[Translation]

Construction of Railway Bridge

*307. SHRI RAM NAGINA MISHRA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a railway bridge has been constructed in Chitauni in Pudrauna district in Uttar Pradesh whereas a roadbridge was also simultaneously proposed;

(b) if so, the time by which the road bridge is likely to be constructed; and

(c) the reasons for delay?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Substructure of Rail-cum-Road Bridge was completed simultaneously and Rail Bridge has been commissioned. Road Bridge Superstructure consisting of girders and road deck will be taken up once the co-sharers viz., Ministry of Water Resources and Bihar Government come up with their share of funds and it will take two years for completion thereafter.

SHRI RAM NAGINA MISHRA : Speaker Sir, I would like to know from the Minister the share of the Ministry of Water Resources to be borne in the amount earmarked for construction of road-bridge and whether Government of U.P. has given its share or is it outstanding? You are running Govt. in Bihar, you are running Govt. in centre and you are also running Government in U.P. All of you have contributed a lot in construction of this bridge. I would like to know from the Minister whether he is using his influence in Bihar Government and obtaining that amount from the Ministry of Water Resources to construct the bridge without any delay. What is the reason for not giving the amount by the Ministry of Water Resources so far?

SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN : Speaker, Sir, as regards the Ministry of Water Resources only 22.53 Crore Rupees are outstanding against them. U.P. has given their share. M/o Railway had to give Rs. 76.14 crore. We have given Rs. 93.58 Crore inplace of Rs. 76 Crore. Rs. 17 Crore more has been invested. Rs. 4.73 Crore are outstanding against Bihar Government. Bihar Govt. has promised that they would pay this amount in the year of 1996-97. As regard the M/o Water Resources. I talked to them personnally, in this regard our officers were kept in touch from time to time. Earlier, Mr. Shukla was the Minister of the M/o Water Resources, I also talked with them on my own. I also talked to Mr. Janeshwar Mishra, he told that he would take action in this regard as soon as possible. After getting ths amount from the Planning Commission he will allocate it.

SHRI RAM NAGINA MISHRA : Speaker Sir, Bagaha-Chitauni Railway bridge was constructed. Now you are going to convert it in to broadgauge. That route goes to Kaptanganj and Gorakhpur. From Kaptanganj, Metre Line goes for Seewan. It is a small part and small line. Will you convert it in broad gauge, it so, when? Besides this, this route was connected to Chitauni. Chitauni-Bagaha Railway bridge was constructed before five km. taking diversion from Paniyama. Now train is going from there this is the demand of the people of that area and the delegation has also met you. You have promised that Rail will operate up to Chitauni. Are you going to fulfil their demand and are you going to start broadgauge from Kaptanganj to Seewan.

SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN : Suggestion given by honourable Minister will be considered.

[Translation]

Foreign Investment for Generation of Jobs in India

*309. SHRI NAWAL KISHORE RAI : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Government would not let industry eat up jobs" appearing in the 'Financial Express' dated September 22, 1996;

(b) if so, whether after initiation of liberalisation policy and consiquent foreign capital investments in the country the percentage of generation of jobs in the country has not picked up;

(c) if not, the details of total foreign capital investment in the country during the Eighth Five Year Plan uptill March, 1996 alongwith the details of percentage of additional jobs generated as a result thereof, year-wise;

(d) whether due to the influx of foreign capital and latest technology from abroad the percentage of generation of jobs has came down; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

[English]

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M ARUNACHALAM) : (a) to (e). Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e). Employment in the organised sector which was of the order of 25.7 million as on 31.3.1991 has gone up to about 27.7 million as on 31.3.1996. Detailed study on the effect of foreign investment on employment or unemployment has not been made.

SHRI NAWAL KISHORE RAI : Speaker Sir, the reply is given by the Hon. Minister is not satisfactory. Since the introduction of New Economy Policy in 1991 and liberal policy came into force, country is leading towards Unemployment. In this house, the then Govt. told that the technology to be developed and to be brought in India would be labour-oriented. It was also stated that we would take positive steps to solve the problem of Unemployment.

During the last 5 years, what progress we made, is not clear from the reply of the hon. Minister. It is admitted in it that employment is increase by 1.1 percent. Survey was not conducted in this regard. I would like to know from the Hon. Minister the number of opportunities of employment increased with the labour oriented technique foreign investment in last five years. House should be intimated clearly in this regard that if there is any scheme by which Unemployment could be minimised?

[English]

SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM : Sir, after the introduction of the New Economic Policy in 1991, there was a concerted move towards permitting the greater role of foreign capital in India to supplement the domestic resources including technology. From 1991 onwards, certain high priority industrial sectors allowed automatic foreign equity participation of up to 51 per cent. Today, these high priority sectors include 35 industries which are mostly manufacturing industries with the exception